GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SUICIDE CASES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a large number of cases of suicides among highly educated persons as well as people belonging to low income group in the capital during the recent months;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered during each of the last three years and till date; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to address the problem in the proper prospective so as to minimise such cases of suicides?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): As per the information available with Delhi Police, the number of suicides reported from amongst the lower income group was higher than the number of such cases from middle or higher income groups.

(b): the number of suicide cases reported in Delhi during the last three years was as follows:

Year	Number
1999	996
2000	1056
2001	960

(c): A person is driven to take the extreme step of suicide because of complex psychological and socio-economic reasons. Such deviant behaviour can be controlled only through strong familial ties; counselling by the peer group; and socio-economic development in which the police do not have much role to play.